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SUBJECT: CU/WE: VOLUNTARY VISITOR PROGRAM -
REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRG BUNDESTAG LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, EUGEN GLOMBIG (SPD), WHO PLANS TENTATIVELY TO VISIT THE U.S. APRIL 11-24. HE WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH HIS WIFE.

2. GLOMBIG'S COMMITTEE IN THE BUNDESTAG REVIEWS GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND PREPARES LEGISLATION ON LABOR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. ITS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR THE REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED AND SEVERELY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS. GLOMBIG HAS STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN LATTER AREA SINCE HE IS HIMSELF SEVERELY DISABLED. GLOMBIG HAS AUTHORED MANY GERMAN LAWS ON THIS SUBJECT AND FOLLOWS CLOSELY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD. HE ALSO IS AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF DISABLED IN NEW YORK.

3. GLOMBIG'S PRIORITY INTERESTS INCLUDE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S. ON REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR SEVERELY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL REHABILITATION AS WELL AS SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
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HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH MOST SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CASES,

AS WELL AS PROGRAMS FOR WAR-INJURED AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

4. IN ADDITION TO HIS INTEREST IN PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS, HE ALSO HAS INTEREST IN U.S. EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF ESCALATING HEALTH COSTS AND U.S. EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM, SINCE HIS COMMITTEE IN THE BUNDESTAG IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THESE PROBLEMS IN FRG.

5. PRIOR TO GOING TO WASHINGTON, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF DISABLED AND OTHER SUCH INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS ON REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. IN WASHINGTON, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE INCLUDING THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEES DEALING WITH THESE PROBLEMS AS WELL AS WITH AFL-CIO. IN VIEW OF HIS INTERESTS, WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH IRVING BROWN, AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SUGGESTS THAT HIS AFL-CIO CONTACTS INCLUDE J. TURNER AND HUNTER P. WHARTON OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATIONAL ENGINEERS, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. WE ALSO SUGGEST CONTACTS WITH WALTER J. BURKE, SECRETARY TREASURER, UNITED STEEL WORKERS, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH PROGRAMS INVOLVING DISABLED AND RETARDED PERSONS.

6. ALSO GLMBIG WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOUTHERN PART OF U.S. AND WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS.

7. THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN PREPARING A DRAFT PROGRAM AND MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR GLOMBIG WITH THE ABOVE OFFICES AND PERSONS. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT EUR LABOR ADVISER DANIEL GOOTT, WILLIAM YOFFEE, INTERNATIONAL LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE RECENT FRG-US SOCIAL SECURITY TREATY, AS WELL AS MR. ED LONERGAN, ILAB, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BE CONTACTED FOR SUGGESTIONS ON GLOMBIG'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THE U.S. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT HE PLAYS IN THE FRG ON LABOR AND SOCIAL MATTERS. THE EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS THAT MR. VAUGHN DELONG AND MR. HENRY REDKEY, WHO VISITED THE FRG JAN. 31 - FEB. 14, 1975, ON AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

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TO PREPARE A GREENLEIGH ASSOCIATES STUDY FOR CONGRESS ANALYZING AND EVALUATING THE ROLE OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS IN THE REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF SEVERELY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS TO DETERMINE, IF ANY CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE IN THE U.S. TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT EFFORTS. (THE INTERNATIONAL COMPONENT OF THIS STUDY INCLUDED VISITS TO THE FRG, DENMARK, SWEDEN, POLAND AND THE NETHERLANDS) PROFESSOR REDKEY'S ADDRESS IS: ROUTE 2, BOX 69, PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON 98368, AND HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (206) 385-1562. MR. DELONG, WHO FORMERLY SERVED MANY YEARS IN THE FRG, MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HEW IN WASHINGTON.

8. PERSONAL DATA:

NAME: EUGEN GLOMBIG

PRESENT POSITION: CHAIRMAN OF THE BUNDESTAG LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: HAMBURG; JANUARY 23, 1924

EDUCATION AND OTHER BIO DATA: ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ORTHOPEDIC TREATMENT AND TRAINING "ALTE

EICHEN", HAMBURG-STELLINGEN, SINCE HIS LEGS WERE PARA-
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LYZED AFTER HE HAD INFANTILE PARALYSIS WHEN HE WAS TWO
YEARS OLD. LATER HE ATTENDED COMMERCIAL COLLEGE OF
HAMBURG AND GRADUATED.

1940-45 HAMBURG SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY; 1946 HAMBURG
CITY RESIDENT REGISTRATION OFFICE; 1947 WORKED FOR
BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT; JANUARY 1948 - DECEMBER
1949 CONSULTANT FOR SOCIAL POLICY AND LATER EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE GERMAN ASSOCIATION OF WAR AND
CIVILIAN DISABLED PERSONS AND SURVIVORS. SINCE 1949
VICE CHAIRMAN AND DELEGATE HAMBURG SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY AND MEMBER OF HAMBURG STATE COUNCIL. MEMBER
GERMAN SALARIED EMPLOYEES UNION. 1962 ELECTED AS MEMBER
OF FRG PARLIAMENT (BUNDESTAG).

HOME AND EMERGENCY ADDRESS: JACOBSHAGENER WEG 13,
2000 HAMBURG 73

CITIZENSHIP: GERMAN

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U.S.: SEVERAL YEARS AGO, HE
VISITED THE U.S. ON AN EXCHANGE GRANT.

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: LITTLE; INTERPRETER WILL BE
NEEDED.

9. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAME OF
THE CONTACT PERSON AND COPY OF RECOMMENDED PROGRAM.
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